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SUMMARY: MAIN THRUST UGANDAN ECOSOC PRESENTATION WAS THAT UN 7TH SPECIAL SESSION WILL TEST WHETHER POLITICAL WILL EXISTS TO OVER-COME WORLD'S GLARING ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES, TO WHICH HE ADDED PLEA FOR CONTINUED ASSISTANCE TO SUCH POOR AND LANDLOCKED LDC'S AS UGANDA. AS INDICATION AFRICAN INTERESTS, HE ALLUDED TO OAU SUMMIT AND POSSIBLE MEETING AFRICAN (NOT 77) MINISTERS IN NY BEFORE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION. GDR AND BULGARIA HAMMERED AT IMPORTANCE OF ACHIEVING ECONOMIC SOLUTIONS AS SET FORTH IN NIEC AND CERDS IN ORDER MAKE DETENTE "IRREVERSIBLE", WHILE COLOMBIA, BEMOANING FACT THAT DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' PREOCCUPATION WITH THEIR OWN PROBLEMS HAD LED THEM TO NEGLECT LDC'S ENDORSED POSITIVE RESPONSE TO CHALLENGE POSED BY NIEC AND CERDS. UNIDO EX. DIR. HIGHLIGHTING LINK BETWEEN INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE IN LDC DEVELOPMENT AND NECESSITY GNERALLY FOR COORDINATION IN AND OUTSIDE THE UN, ENVISAGED A "CATALYTIC ROLE" FOR UNIDO IN FACILITATING REDEPLOYMENT OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITIES AND REDISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL PRODUCTION FACTORS. END SUMMARY.

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1. UGANDA NOTED THAT AFTER YEARS OF DEVOTING A DISPROPORTIONATE

AMOUNT OF TIME TO QUESTIONS RELATING TO POLITICS AND SECURITY ECOSOC NOW HAD THE OBLIGATION TO FOCUS ON THE "GLARING ECONOMIC INEQUALITIES" OF PEOPLES WHO HAD NOTHING TO LOSE BUT THE CHAINS OF THEIR POVERTY. THE ISSUE, HE SAID, WAS NOT TO BE DESCRIBED AS THE "SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST" BUT HOW ALL SHOULD SURVIVE", AND WE MUST SUMMON UP THE POLITICAL WILL TO MEET THIS NEED. THE "DIS-APPOINTING" ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE FIRST HALF OF THE 2ND DEVELOPMENT DECADE (SDD) SERVED ONLY TO REINFORCE THE 77 VIEW THAT CONSENSUS MUST BE REACHED ON BASIS "MODEST PROVISIONAL LIST" OF REQUIREMENTS PREPARED FOR THE 7TH SPECIAL SESSION, AND UGANDA WAS FULLY PREPARED COOPERATE FULLY WITH OTHERS TO ACHIEVE THIS END. REFERRING TO THE SDD MID-TERM APPRAISAL, UGANDAN REP EXPRESSED DISMAY THAT ATTEMPT WAS MADE DROP HIS COUNTRY'S NAME FROM LIST OF MOST-AFFECTED COUNTRIES. HE DEFENDED POLICY OF UGANDA FOR UGANDANS, DEPLORED FACT THAT SOME NATIONS STILL TRANSGRESS NIEO PRINCIPLES, THANKED UNIDO, UNDP AND SYG FOR MUCH-NEEDED ASSISTANCE, AND REITERATED NEED FOR WILL TO FIND SOLUTIONS AT 7TH SS TO MAJOR CHANGES IN ATTITUDES AND INSTITUTIONS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN WORLD.

2. GDR AND BULGARIA, AS THOUGH SPEAKING FROM IDENTICAL OUTLINES, BLAMED THE ILLS OF THE WORLD VARIOUSLY ON "CRISIS" OF CAPITALISM, TRANSNATIONAL MONOPOLIES, INCREASING MILITARY EXPENDITURES, ARTIFICIAL BARRIERS TO TRADE AND TO TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY, AND SAW HOPE ONLY IN PURSUING "POSITIVE POLITICAL TRENDS" LEADING TO PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE. THE 7TH SS WOULD, THEY PREDICTED, PROVIDE A BASE FOR FUTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ACCORD WITH PRINCIPLES LAID DOWN AT 6TH SS AND CERDS, WHICH IN TURN WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO MAKING THE VITAL PROCESS OF DETENTE "IRREVERSIBLE". BOTH PLUGGED FOR DISARMAMENT AS MEANS OF FREEING AID MONEY TO LDC'S, CITING PARTICULARLY USSR RES. CALLING FOR 10 PERCENT REDUCTION BY SC PERMANENT MEMBERS OF MILITARY EXPENDITURES. BOTH CONSIDERED COMECON AN EXAMPLE OF MOST STABLE AND MOST DYNAMIC ORGANIZATION, PROMISED CONTINUE COMMERCIAL AND CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH LDC'S, AND VOWED OPPOSITION TO "NEGATIVE FORCES" PREJUDICIAL TO INTERNATIONAL ORDER.

3. COLOMBIA STATED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' PREOCCUPATION WITH THEIR OWN PROBLEMS TO DETRIMENT OF LDC'S MUST CHANGE WITH ADVENT OF NIEO AND CERDS. A REVIEW OF THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THE 2ND DEVELOPMENT DECADE REVEALS CONTINUING SERIOUS DEFICIENCIES IN FOOD PRO-
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DUCTION, INADEQUATE LDC GROWTH RATES, UN- AND UNDER-EMPLOYMENT, AS WELL AS AN UNSATISFACTORY INTERNATIONAL TRADE SITUATION, PARTICULARLY IN COMMODITIES FIELD. DETENTE SHOULD LEAD TO A GREATER DIVERSION RESOURCES TO LDC'S AND LDC PROBLEMS BUT IMMEDIATE ISSUE WAS ENSURE SUCCESS OF 7TH SS, THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR WHICH HAD SO FAR BEEN DISAPPOINTING.

4. UNIDO EX. DIR., NOTING PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN ESTABLISHMENT OF

NEW ECONOMIC ORDER, SAID THE COMPLETION OF TASK DEMANDED "POLITICAL WILL" TO MOBILIZE ESSENTIAL RESOURCES ON WORLD SCALE. CITING PRINCIPLE RESULTS OF MARCH LIMA CONFERENCE RELATING TO LDC INDUSTRIALIZATION AS KEY ELEMENT IN DEVELOPMENT, EX. DIR. CAUTIONED AGAINST IGNORING HUMAN ASPECTS INDUSTRIALIZATION AND PROPOSED THAT CHANGES MUST STRIKE "PRACTICAL BALANCE BETWEEN ADAPTATION OF TECHNOLOGY TO THE PEOPLE". NOTING THAT THE "INDIVISIBLE LINK BETWEEN AGRICULTURE AND INDUSTRY" MEANT ACTIVITIES IN INDUSTRIAL SECTOR REQUIRE CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THOSE IN OTHER FIELDS, WHICH UNIDO HAD BEGUN TO DO WITH SISTER UN ORGANIZATIONS. UNIDO WOULD, HE SAID, PLAY A "CATALYTIC ROLE" IN FACILITATING REDEPLOYMENT OF PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY AND REDISTRIBUTION OF ESSENTIAL PRODUCTION FACTORS. THE RECOMMENDATION THAT UNIDO BECOME A UN SPECIALIZED AGENCY WILL BE DISCUSSED AT 7TH SS. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT FUND HAD BEEN REAFFIRMED AT LIMA BUT, HE CAUTIONED, THE UN CONTRIBUTION WOULD BE "MODEST".DALE

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